

soon as I rise in the morning I wash my hands and face, and comb my hair and my long blue beard; and before I venture abroad, or taste a morsel of victuals, I offer up my prayers and praises to the God who made me. It is likewise my custom to say grace before every meal, and when I have satisfied the calls of Nature (for I never eat or drink to excess) I return thanks to the bounty of Heaven. I am also careful not to tell a lie upon any account; nor to revile or quarrel with my companions; nor to use any profane or filthy language, not to cheat or impose upon any person, but to do unto all men as I would they should do unto me. When I see a virtuous man, or a virtuous woman, or a good little boy or girl, I love and honour them, though they are cloathed in rags: and, when it lies in my power, I endeavour to relieve their wants, and give them sometimes money and sometimes victuals, or whatever I can spare; and all this, perhaps, is more than you do, though you are dressed in fine clothes, and have more

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tarts and cheese-cakes every day than you can tell what to do with. But hold, I must not praise myself, or think I am better than others, because this is a foolish and a very naughty trick;—only, as I said before, I would not have you despise me, though I am ugly to look upon: for (as the old proverb says) “*Handsome is that, that handsome does,*” and therefore I may be a good man, and a very honest fellow, notwithstanding my hump back, and my long nose, which, to speak the truth, my friend the engraver hath made me rather uglier than he ought to have done. But before I finish my story, I must beg of you to take a little notice of poor old *Shocky*, the large black dog, who is the faithful companion of my travels, and who, in the picture, you see, is standing close by my side. He is, indeed, a very true-hearted creature; for he always follows me, whether by night or by day, through thick and thin, and though I should beat him, or kick him about like a foot-ball, yet he would not forsake me; though